

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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The 4.9 GHz Band Transferred from)	WT Docket No. 00-32
Federal Government Use)	
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To: The Commission)	

**COMMENTS OF THE
NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL**

The National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (“NPSTC”) hereby respectfully submits the following comments in support of the Motorola Request for Extension regarding the NPSTC Petition for Reconsideration in response to the Commission’s *Memorandum Opinion and Order and Third Report and Order*, FCC 03-99 (released May 2, 2003) (“*Report and Order*”), in the above-captioned proceeding.

With over 74,000 public safety organizations in the United States, it is critical to have a resource and an advocate for public safety telecommunications. That is the primary role of the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council. NPSTC is a federation of public safety associations that encourage and facilitate, through a collective voice, the implementation of Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee (PSWAC) and 700 MHz Public Safety National Coordination Committee (NCC) recommendations. NPSTC explores emerging public safety telecommunications issues and technologies, and develops recommendations to appropriate governmental bodies to support the broad goals of promoting public safety telecommunications worldwide. Finally, NPSTC serves

as a standing forum for the exchange of ideas and information regarding public safety telecommunications. NPSTC currently consists of the following thirteen organizations:¹

- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
- American Radio Relay League
- American Red Cross
- Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International
- Forestry Conservation Communications Association
- International Association of Chiefs of Police
- International Association of Emergency Managers
- International Association of Fire Chiefs
- International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
- International Municipal Signal Association
- National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Directors
- National Association of State Telecommunications Directors
- National Association of State Foresters

The National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) is aware that Motorola, Inc. (Motorola) has requested that the FCC extend by 30 days the deadlines for filing oppositions and replies to National Public Safety Telecommunications Council's Petition for Reconsideration of the FCC's *Memorandum Opinion and Order and Third Report and Order* in the above-captioned proceeding addressing public safety's use of the 4.9 GHz band. As stated by Motorola in its extension request, the nature and the timing of the technical discussions now on-going between Motorola and NPSTC representatives would make it extremely difficult for either party to submit comprehensive comments consistent with the existing deadlines. NPSTC therefore supports Motorola's request to extend the deadline for filing oppositions or comments to the NPSTC Petition for

¹ A number of Federal agencies are affiliate members of NPSTC and active participants in its ongoing efforts.

Reconsideration until October 2, 2003, and the reply comment deadline to October 14, 2003.

Respectfully,

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